

VACCINOLOGIST UPDATE



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OPV or not to OPV

As most are aware effective Jan 00 OPV is not to be used in routine pediatric schedules. IPV is now the only acceptable standard of care for pediatric patients. As with all rules for immunizations there are exceptions and with the exceptions there are variables. IAW ACIP guidelines OPV may be used in the following situations:

1) Mass vaccination campaigns to control outbreaks of paralytic polio; 2) Children who have never received any polio vaccine who plan to travel within four weeks to countries where polio is common. These children may get OPV for the first dose; 3) Children whose parents do not accept the recommended number of injections. These children should get IPV for the first two doses of the polio vaccine series, but may get OPV for the third or fourth dose, or both; 4) People with a life-threatening allergy to the antibiotics neomycin, streptomycin, or polymyxin B, or people who have a life-threatening allergic reaction to a dose of IPV. These people may get OPV instead.

If you use OPV ensure you use the supplemental OPV VIS dated 00/01. To obtain the new IPV VIS or the supplemental OPV VIS please go to: <http://www.cdc.gov/nip/publications/vis/default.htm>. In case you missed the June 99 MMWR where the revision of Polio Vaccine recommendations was initially posted please go to: <http://www.cdc.gov/epo/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm4827a4.htm>.

News From BMTS

Effective 7 Jan 00, Basic Trainees started receiving IPV instead of OPV.

Addendum to news letter 7

GB has no part number for the DoD stamp. When ordering the DoD Stamp, use a description of the stamp. Thanks to TSgt Zorn @ MGMC for this update.

How to order the 4N0X1A Coin

Cost is \$5.00. Send a money order or certified check, no personal checks to:

MICHAEL J. MIRAGLIA, CMSgt, USAF
HQ USAF/SGWN
110 Luke Avenue, Room 400
Bolling AFB DC 20332-7050



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